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Various agencies search for missing swimmer in waters off Kaua'i's Eastside

WAILUA – Various agencies are searching for Vladimir Sukhoparov, 58, of Ohio in waters off Kaua'i's Eastside in Wailua on Monday morning.

Officials with the U.S. Coast Guard, Kaua'i Fire Department, Ocean Safety Bureau, Kaua'i Police Department, and Rescue 3 aboard Air resumed their search for the missing man on Monday morning.

According to a preliminary report, Kaua'i Fire Department personnel responded to a report of a possible missing swimmer at Kaua'i Beach Drive on Sunday at approximately 3:10 p.m. Officials located the man's belongings close to shore on a beach fronting the Kaua'i Beach Resort.

After hotel security conducted a thorough search of the grounds, KPD personnel responded to conduct a missing person's investigation. Photos of the man were shared with OSB, KPD, and Coast Guard officials.

Rescue 3 aboard Air 1 responded along with Engine 2 and Truck 2 from the Kapa'a Fire Station. Lifeguards on a jet ski and Kaua'i police also joined the search along with the U.S. Coast Guard but so far there has been no sign of the victim.

Rescuers observed two- to three-foot waves in the area, low water visibility, and a strong ripper current. Due to heavy rain with low visibility, the search was suspended at approximately 6 p.m. on Sunday.



Updates on the incident will be given as information becomes available.

Anyone with information about the missing swimmer is urged to call KPD Dispatch at 241-1711.



Photo caption: Various agencies are searching for Vladimir Sukhoparov, 58, of Ohio in waters off Kaua'i's Eastside in Wailua on Monday.

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